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SUBJECT: EGYPTAIR OVERFLIGHTS OVER SOUTH VIETNAM

REF: SAIGON 14738

1. INFORMED SIRRI OF RVN FONMIN BAC'S HELPFUL ACTION RE EGYPTAIR'S DESIRE TO OVERFLY SOUTH VIET-NAM BEGINNING DECEMBER 1 AND OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY GVN CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES, WHICH I OFFERED TO TRANSMIT DIRECTLY TO SAIGON TO EXPEDITE PROCESS. ALSO SUGGESTED NEAREST EGYPTAIR REP BE SENT TO SAIGON TO WORK OUT NECESSARY TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS AND CONVEYED AMEMBASSY SAIGON GENEROUS OFFER TO FACILITATE VISA GRANTING AND APPOINTMENTS. IN DOING SO, I EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY MAINTAINING FICTION OF SAUDI HELPFULLNESS AND THAT AMBASSADOR AKINS WORKING WITH BOTH RVN AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA AND SAUDI MFA TO EXPEDITE FORMAL NOTIFICATION THROUGH THOSE CHANNELS.

2. SIRRI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR HELP IN ARRANGING OVERFLIGHT. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, HE DOUBTED NECESSARY INFORMATION COULD BE OBTAIN FROM EGYPTAIR IN TIME TO COMMENCE OVERFLIGHTS ON DECEMBER 1, BUT THOUGHT IT OUGHT TO BE POSSIBLE A WEEK OR SO LATER. HE UNDERTOOK COMMUNICATE WITH EGYPTAIR, GET INFORMATION AND ARRANGE FOR NEAREST EGYPTAIR REP PROCEED TO CAIRO. HE WILL INFORM US DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE.

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3. HAVE JUST SEEN SAIGON'S 14829. SINCE WE CANNOT

BE SURE SAUDIS WILL FAITHFULLY TRANSMIT THE RATHER GOOD PARA OF
BAC INSTRUCTIONS ON WHY GVN TOOK THIS DECISION, I WOULD ALSO
LIKE TO CONVEY THIS TO FAHMY MYSELF TO BE SURE HE GETS THE
POINT IF AMBASSADOR MARTIN PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO MY
DOING SO.
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